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Growing Faith.

Sharing Love.

Grounding Lives.



October 30, 2022, at 10 a.m.

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

We Are an Open & Affirming Church

*First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person
regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or
expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level,
economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.*



GATHERING

*Please rise in body or in spirit. The congregation is invited to sing with choir.

Items in **Bold** indicate congregational participation.

CHIMING

WELCOMING AND NAMING OUR GRATITUDE

CENTERING OUR FOCUS UPON GOD

*Nocturne in E flat Major Op. 9 No. 2 -
Frederic Chopin*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: May we remember

People: That God created.

Leader: May we remember

People: That God liberated.

Leader: May we remember

People: That God fed.

Leader: May we remember

People: That God is still creating, God is still liberating, and God is still feeding us.

Leader: Let this be our story.

People: Let this be where we begin.

Leader: Let us worship holy God.

*OPENING HYMN NO. 357

You Are Called to Tell the Story

RECOGNIZING GOD'S PRESENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Holy God, we admit to remembering the wrong things. We remember worldly lessons like, "Everyone for themselves, "An eye for an eye," and "All is fair in love and war." And yet, we forget to forgive 70 times seven, to love our neighbors as ourselves, and to live like the body of Christ. Why is it so hard to remember the right things? Release us from our muscle memory and re-center us in a new place, a fresh place, a space grounded in your love. Help us to receive your word anew, and to consider stewardship not with the world's rules, but with your rules. Help us remember. With hope we pray, amen.

Our Mask Policy Has Changed

Our Covid protocol has changed regarding masks. We will no longer be requiring individuals to wear masks, but we will continue to keep our windows open. Masks will be available to those in need of one. For more information, please see the letter included in this week's E-Blast.

Stewardship Season Begins

Come join us this November for Stewardship Season as we continue to think about the stories that will guide our future. And don't forget to pick up a Stewardship Study Journal which can be found on the table in the lobby.

Bring Us Your Veteran's Day Photos

First Parish is asking that its members bring in old photographs of either yourself or a loved one that has served or is currently serving in the armed forces. We would like you to share them with the rest of the congregation this Veterans Day worship service, which will be held Sunday, November 13th.

First Parish of Westwood Family Singers Needs YOU

Calling all music lovers to join First Parish Westwood Family Singers! Family Singers is an intergenerational and informal new choral ensemble at our church. Anyone who likes music and loves to sing can join; no age limits and no musical background needed. The main task for Family Singers will be to provide an anthem for Youth Service every third Sunday of the month. This is a unique opportunity for families to sing together for our worship service and create beautiful memories for years to come. The music will be low key, mostly light gospel songs which are easy and fun to learn for everyone. The rehearsal will be typically either after service on the second Sunday of each month or at 9 a.m. on the third Sunday. Please come and join this wonderful opportunity and sign up for next month. Sign-up sheet will be available near the office.

Fall Clean-Up of Church Grounds November 6th

Please join us immediately after worship on Sunday, November 6th. We will be raking and bagging leaves. Youth will have an opportunity to also plant daffodil bulbs. As with many tasks, many hands make light work! As a special bonus, we will have pizza for all volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available outside the church office, or you can email the church office at office@firstparishwestwood.org.

United Church of Christ Statement of Faith—adapted by Robert V. Moss

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God.

Amen.

Light Dawns on a Weary World

1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea-tures, once for -

see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a

wea - ry world: the prom-ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom-ised green of E - den comes.

Refrain
 The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;
 the hills and moun-tains shall break forth with sing - ing!
 We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,
 as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.

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* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, as we come to you today in prayer, we admit that giving is complicated. At times it is easier to remember our shame or guilt around giving, as opposed to your joy or generosity. We all have our money narratives, and they affect us in different ways. So today as we offer our gifts to you, we pray that you would re-center our narrative. Remind us that we do not give out of shame or guilt. We do not give out of obligation. We do not give to feel worthy. And we do not give to buy your grace. We give out of a desire to participate. We give as a sign of gratitude. We give because we belong to one another. We give to build a more just and equitable world. We give because we love, and that's what love does. So take these gifts and remind us that we belong to one another. Remind us that all money narratives are welcome at this table. Remind us that whatever shame or guilt we bring with us will be washed away with your empathy and love. Remind us, and then help us to build that more beautiful world. In hope we pray, amen.

VENTURING OUT INTO THE WORLD

* RECESSIONAL HYMN (INSERT)

Light Dawns on a Weary World

* ANNOUNCEMENTS

* BENEEDICTION

* FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

Go in Peace - Kenneth E. White

**Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you in this day.
Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you always.
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!
Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you always.**

POSTLUDE

Tocatta in D minor - J.S. Bach

While it is our custom to sit during the postlude, you are free to exit the sanctuary at any time at the conclusion of the service.

Although We Go Our Separate Ways

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Although We Go Our Separate Ways'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the last two lines. The text at the bottom of the image provides copyright information and a reprinting permission.

Al - though we go our sep - arate ways to lis - ten, learn and
And let us hear the news of Christ so that, when wor - ship's

teach, keep us to - geth - er, God, and share your love with all and each;
done, we may be full of Eas - ter - life, then go and pass it on!

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{ Announcements }

† UPCOMING EVENTS

Reminder: Daylight Savings Time November 6th

Don't forget to turn your clocks back next Sunday, November 6th at 2 a.m. !

Coffee Hour Hosts

Every Sunday through November 20th, there will be two hosts for coffee hour. Please see the sign-up sheet located outside the church office to add your name to partner with an experienced host.

Pumpkins With a Purpose

Good news! We are extending the days when we will be selling pumpkins as we approach Halloween! The pumpkin patch will be open this Thursday, October 27th from 3 to 5 p.m., and Friday October 28th from 2 to 5 p.m. These times will be in addition to our regular hours this weekend of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. We will also be open on Halloween day, weather permitting, for you last minute pumpkin buyers. Remember our Pumpkins are with a purpose as they fund contributions to various charities, including Lifeworks, Rosie's Place, the Pine Street Inn and other organizations.

First Parish Welcomes New Nursery Caretaker Alison Deininger

Let's all give a warm First Parish welcome to our new nursery caretaker Alison Deininger! Alison will be providing a safe, fun and friendly environment for your little ones to spend time in during worship. During nursery care, Alison will be reading children stories, providing toys to play with and keeping your young ones entertained while the adults worship in the Sanctuary.

Interfaith Walk for Hunger Was a Huge Success; Thank You Walkers!

Last Sunday's Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger proved again that our members have an incredible altruistic spirit! Team First Parish came out to show their community some love and participants did an incredible job of raising money for the local organization Project Bread. You may still make a donation to our sock drive, which will be providing much needed socks for those who need them in the coming winter months. Socks will be collected through the end of October.

Christmas Concert December 4th at 4 p.m.

Save the Date: Come and enjoy the musical stylings of the New Sound Barbershop Chorus on December 4th at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Donations will be accepted at the door.

Dates at a Glance

- ✓ **Pumpkins with a Purpose** – Last day of sale is this Sunday from 11:30 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- ✓ **Fall Clean-Up of Grounds** – November 6th directly after worship. Sign-up sheet can be found outside the office!
- ✓ **Stewardship Season Begins** – Runs until November 20th; Don't forget to pick up your Study Journal in the lobby.
- ✓ **Christmas Concert December 4th @ 4 p.m.** – Come and enjoy the musical stylings of the New Sound Barbershop Chorus in the Sanctuary. Donations collected at the door.

(silence)

Listen – here is the good news: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, to forgive you in your failure; to accept you as you are; to set you free and make you what you were meant to be. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-18

A WORD FOR ALL AGES (INSERT)

*Although We Go Our Separate Ways -
Fred Kaan*

ANTHEM

Holy Manna - Joel Raney

SERMON

Manna in the Desert

HYMN (INSERT)

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Invitation to New Members

This week we officially welcome four members into our community: Pauline Davidson, Katherine Howley, Kathleen Howley and Nancy Whitney

Questions of the Candidates

Welcome and Reception

Leader: Let us, the members of, First Parish of Westwood, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

All Who Hunger

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers, seek-er, be a
3. All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan-d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat-ered in com-mun-ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their lives in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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Greeting of Christian Love

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

CALL TO OFFERING

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Where might God be speaking a new narrative into the story of this church? Let us remember, release, reimagine, and restore our own money stories so that we can live into God's money story of liberation and justice.

OFFERTORY

Have Thine Own Way - Lord George C. Stebbins

* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**